A Message From

State Superintendent Janet Barresi

Oklahoma can be a leader in education, but only if we are committed to new fundamentals for the 21st Century – and to an unambiguous goal. I've issued a call to the State: By the year 2020, each student graduating from an Oklahoma high school must be college, career and citizen ready. I call it the C3 Plan, building on the success of a slate of reforms now being implemented.

The C3 Plan sets the stage for Oklahoma to win the competition for excellence. To that end, the Oklahoma State Department of Education has developed a more vigorous social studies framework focused on citizenship literacy. We call these the Oklahoma C3 Standards for the Social Studies. By law, our state's standards of learning must be updated every six years in each subject area. These updates occur on a cyclical basis for each subject area. This year, Oklahoma convened a committee to review the previous PASS (Priority Academic Student Skills) Standards for Social Studies and to update them. The Oklahoma C3 Standards for the Social Studies presented here reflect the strengths of the previous PASS Standards, as well as some new content and literacy skills that prepare for more rigorous requirements in the future.

The Oklahoma C3 Standards for the Social Studies focus educators and students on the priority of citizenship development, so that they both appreciate and understand the exceptional nature of American history, the role of the Founding Fathers, our system of government, and our freedoms. These sets of skills and knowledge bases are essential for our students, so they may fully participate in our nation's economy and political processes.

The goal of public education in Oklahoma and the nation is to prepare all students for advanced studies at the collegiate level or to enter the national workforce competently equipped, and regardless of the life path the student chooses, to be a literate citizen. Our state's education system should foster citizens who can think critically and engage in

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the civic life of their community, the state, and nation. All Oklahoma students must become literate citizens to become effective, productive, and engaged participants in both our nation's economic and political systems. We must be diligent and purposeful in encouraging citizenship literacy among our youngest citizens. Students should understand the unique and special nature of the nation in which they live, what President Ronald Reagan in his farewell address called "the shining city upon a hill. We cannot afford to raise a generation of civic amnesiacs, or we will have failed in passing the torch of freedom to the next generation.

Citizenship readiness is responsibility of the entire Oklahoma public education system. Citizenship education must occur across all subject and discipline areas. Citizenship education is at once both a part of the formal curriculum and the informal school environment. There is a basic set of civic dispositions and knowledge that our students must learn in our classrooms in all subjects and especially in the social studies classrooms. Informal citizenship education begins with parents, the most important educators of all, and continues within the school hallways, in the lunchroom, on the court and fields of sporting events, and on the playground. The social studies disciplines have a unique responsibility in developing literate citizens. That is the chief aim of all social studies educators. All four of the social studies disciplines of civics/ government, economics, geography, and history are especially tasked to focus on the concepts, civic dispositions, skills, and specialized knowledge that our students need to develop to take upon themselves the office of citizen.

Join me in encouraging responsible and informed citizens for the new century. Join me in ensuring that all Oklahoma students are college, career, and citizen ready — and that the torch of freedom is lit for our students to carry forward.

Janet C. Barresi State Superintendent of Public Instruction Oklahoma State Department of Education



Native Vote Action Registration Booth: (Left) Seated, Danita Kollars, Social Worker and Laura Guest, Behavioral Health Administrative Assistant. (Right) Marlena Starr and daughter Jazlyn Hindsley. (Staff Photo)

Native Vote Action Week During September Great Success

Register, Vote! Voting is a right that allows us to voice our opinions. The Sac and Fox Nation Behavioral Health Department sponsored a Rock the Native Vote registration booth on September 25, 2012. It was an awesome event as T-shirts and buttons were given. There were approximately 41 persons who registered to vote and the registrations were mailed the following day. There were a host of folks who just came by the booth to chat, talk about current issues that may affect them in the upcoming elections such as party (democrat/ republican) issues, concerns, and why their vote counted. Now that you're registered to vote, please make your way to the polls on election day. Make sure that you take your voter registration card and/driver's license when you go to the polls. A special thanks to Clarissa Littlehead, Health Director, Paula Williams, Tribal Administrator, and Chief George Thurman for spearheading the event. For more information please go to www. nativevote.org.

Needed - Johnson O'Malley Indian **Education Committee Members**

The Sac and Fox Nation is seeking persons interested in serving on the Indian Education Committee which administers the Nation's Johnson O'Malley Program. One (1) representative from each of the following districts is needed:

District #1: Agra, Cushing, Ripley, Oak Grove

District #2: Chandler, Meeker, Davenport, Prague, Stroud

District #3: Shawnee, Pleasant Grove, Grove, North Rock Creek

Representatives can be a parent, grandparent or legal guardian of a Native American student enrolled in the Johnson O'Malley Program, a person acting for or on behalf of the best interests of Native American children in the community, or ican community member who is familiar ing address: with education and has demonstrated leadership and involvement in the community. Representatives will be expected to be actively involved with school personnel in order to understand and advocate for the

needs of the students.

1) Promote the welfare of Indian children and youth in home, school, community and Tribe; 2) Raise the standards of school achievement of Indian children; and 3) Bring into closer relationship the home and the school so that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of Indian children and youth. Representatives will provide positive input and advocate progressive, innovative ideas to promote the betterment of the

The purpose of the Committee is to:

This is a fresh start for the committee and all persons interested in serving are encouraged to submit a letter of interest to an interested and concerned Native Amer- serve to the Tribal Secretary at the follow-

Johnson O'Malley Program purposes and

will attend meetings on a regular basis.

Attention: Tribal Secretary Sac and Fox Nation 920883 S. Highway 99 Stroud, OK 74079





December 22, 2012

Sac and Fox Nation Community Building

Head Staff

Head Singer Jimmy Kemble Head Gourd Dancer Mike Tsotaddle Head Man Dancer Otto Hamilton Head Lady Dancer Heather Little MC Frank Carson ADSam Howell

Schedule

Gourd Dance 2:00 p.m. Supper Break 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Tail Dance (4 sets) 7:00 p.m. Intertribal Dancing

For more information contact Tina Morris (918-968-9219

Not responsible for accidents or theft



December 8, 2012 8am till 3 pm **Arts & Crafts**

For information on deer hunting

on the Sac and Fox Reserva

Sweets and Treats

Booth space is available at this time.

Please Contact Anita Stevens, Angela Morris, and/or

Kay Hurst for information.

Door Prizes, Raffles, & 50/50

